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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SELF-DESCRIBING DEVICES  
Application No. 09/503,067  
Examiner E. Chang  
Art Unit 2116

Request for Continued Examination

YO-999-567  
(590.003)

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Atty. Docket No. Y0-999-567  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Dono et al.  
Serial No. : 09/503,067 Examiner : E. Chang  
Filed : February 12, 2000 Group Art Unit : 2116  
For : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SELF-DESCRIBING DEVICES

HON. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

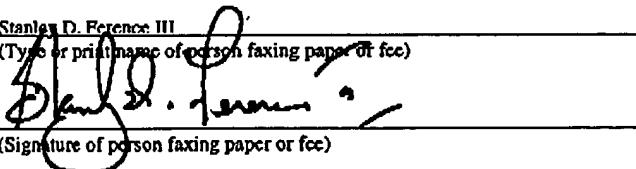
1. **Extension of Time**

- No extension of time is needed.
- Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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(590.003)2 **Submission Required Under 37 CFR 1.114**

Previously submitted  
 Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on January 3, 2006.  
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_.  
 Other \_\_\_\_.

Enclosed  
 Amendment/Reply  
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 Other

3. **Miscellaneous**

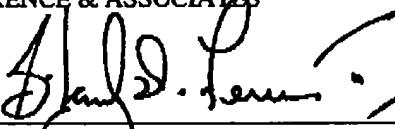
Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.  
 Other \_\_\_\_.

4. **Fees**

Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the RCE fee.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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By Stanley D. Ference III  
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